# Asexual and Sexual Reproduction

A Starfish reproduces asexually. This means new organisms are produced by the simple dividing of cells which are copies of the parent (see diagram 1). In this form of asexual reproduction, if a piece of a parent becomes detached, it can grow and develop into a completely new individual. A Starfish is an Amoeba which is a unicellular animal (as shown in diagram 2)  
  
To learn more about asexual reproduction go to <http://www.scribd.com/doc/2410105/Asexual-Reproduction>

On the other hand sexual reproduction occurs when new organisms develop after egg and sperm combine causing fertilisation. The new individual will have characteristics of both parents. There are two ways in which fertilisation can take place. The first is external where the eggs are fertilised outside the body and the second internal where the eggs are fertilised inside the female reproductive tract. See image (taken from freedigitalphotos.net) 